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Re: DHSES FOIL Request 20-059

Dear Beryl Lipton,

This letter is in response to your Freedom of Information Law (FOIL) request to the New York State Division of Homeland Security and Emergency Services (DHSES) Office of Emergency Management, in which you requested:

- “• The current procedure for procuring personal protective equipment (PPE) on behalf of agencies and entities within the jurisdiction of this office. If this office manages PPE requests for county, local, or private entities, please also provide any guiding material for soliciting, receiving, organizing, and fulfilling those requests.
- “• Any bids placed by this agency for the acquisition of PPE for this office or on behalf of any entity within the jurisdiction of this agency.
- “• Any available spreadsheet or aggregate information related to bids for PPE. Please provide all available segregable data, including but not limited to the source, the quantity, and the success of the bid.”

Your request is being reviewed and processed in accordance with Article 6 of New York State Public Officers Law, and we anticipate issuing a response to your request within twenty (20) business days from the date of this letter.

Additionally, your letter indicates that this same request was submitted at an earlier date. However, we have not been able to locate a copy of this earlier request letter. Submitting requests via <https://openfoil.ny.gov/> or via DHSESFOIL@dhses.ny.gov should facilitate the prompt receipt and handling of requests in the future.

As part of the ongoing response to the COVID-19 pandemic, some or all agency employees may be working off-site. As such, there may be delays in response to FOIL requests. If a record responsive to a request is only available in hard-copy format, that record's availability will be limited until further notice. Thank you for your patience during this extraordinary time.

Sincerely,

James Callahan
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